

MINUTES

INDIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

DECEMBER 1, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Headley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency Conference Room W064, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and could not declare a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 15-5-1.1-6(c).

Board Members Present:

Richard Headley, D.V.M. – Chair
Patricia Kovach, D.V.M. – Vice Chair
Robin Waltz, D.V.M.
Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarian

Board Members Absent:

Susan Pedigo, R.V.T.
Frank Andrew, Consumer Member

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Heather Hollcraft, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Phillip Thompson, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

There was no adoption of the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 MEETING OF THE BOARD

Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes from the September 27, 2010 meeting of the Board will be adopted at the next meeting of the Board.

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Probation

- 1. Brenton Arihood, D.V.M., License No. 24003071A**
Administrative Cause No. 2009 VB 0001

Dr. Arihood appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding his ongoing probationary status. Dr. Arihood submitted his patient records, surgery log and

CSR log as required by the Board for their review. Dr. Arihood indicated to the Board that he has hired additional office staff. The Board is pleased with Dr. Arihood's progress.

2. Robert David Brunner, D.V.M., License No. 24003969A
Administrative Cause No. 2009 VB 0003

Dr. Brunner appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding his ongoing probationary status. Dr. Brunner advised the Board that his criminal probation will be over February 18, 2011 in Hamilton County. The Board explained to Dr. Brunner that as soon as the charges in Hamilton County have been cleared, he must submit documentation from Hamilton County court showing the charges have been deferred and request a hearing with the Board to remove the probation from his veterinary license.

3. Christina Ann Fritz, R.V.T., Registration No. 25001007A
Administrative Cause No. 2010 VB 0002

Ms. Fritz appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding her ongoing probationary status. Ms. Fritz advised the Board that her criminal probation will end on February 12, 2010. She has completed the continuing education for the next renewal period and is still not employed at this time. Ms. Fritz stated she seeks counseling on an as-needed basis. Her primary care physician has taken over the prescribing of her medications. Ms. Fritz was advised by the Board to petition for withdrawal of probation at least two weeks prior to the March 30, 2010 meeting of the Board.

4. Robert Maier, D.V.M., License No. 24006439A
Administrative Cause No. 2010 VB 0004

Dr. Maier appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding the probationary status of his license. Dr. Maier explained to the board that he is seeing a counselor every four (4) to six (6) weeks, attending weekly AA meetings and is involved in group counseling. He stated he is not currently employed but has contacted various veterinary clinics for relief work.

B. Renewal

1. Amy Elizabeth Compton, D.V.M., License No. 24006234A

Dr. Compton appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding reinstatement of her veterinary license. Dr. Compton placed her license on inactive status in 2003. Dr. Compton holds active Colorado and Rhode Island licenses that have never been disciplined and is currently working as a relief veterinarian in Rhode Island. Dr. Compton is seeking employment in Indiana in a small-animal clinic. Dr. Compton has submitted a completed renewal form as well as 141.5 hours of acceptable continuing education. The Board agreed to reinstate Dr. Compton's veterinary license.

C. Applications

1. Natasha Rose Anik

Ms. Anik did not appear before the Board, as requested, regarding her application for registration by examination. Ms. Anik will be rescheduled to appear at the next meeting of the Board.

2. Tabatha Jeannette Anderson

Ms. Anderson appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding her application for registration by examination. She is a 2009 graduate from the International Business College located in Fort Wayne, Indiana and has passed the VTNE examination on August 14, 2010. Ms. Anderson was requested to appear to explain her work history as listed on her application. She stated she has been a registered veterinary technician employed at Indiana Pokagon Veterinary Hospital located in Angola, Indiana with Dr. Matthew Zimmer since April 5, 2010 to the present. According to IC 25-38.1-1-13 a "registered veterinary technician" means a veterinary technician registered under this article to work under direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Ms. Anderson appeared to explain her duties and to answer questions of the Board. The Board questioned her work duties. She explained that she does not perform any veterinary technician duties, that she currently working as a veterinary assistant. When asked what she does, she stated she has been cleaning cages and restraining animals for Dr. Zimmer and that he does all of the technical duties. The Board agreed to grant Ms. Anderson a veterinary technician registration upon successful completion of the Indiana jurisprudence examination.

3. Jeremy Adams

Mr. Adams appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding his application for registration. He is a 2009 graduate from Harrison College located in Indianapolis, Indiana and passed the VTNE examination on August 9, 2010. Mr. Adams answered "yes" to question 1 on the application that asks "Have you ever previously filed an application in the State of Indiana?" and question 5B that asks "Have you ever been convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor or felony in any state?" He explained that in he previously applied to the State of Indiana for the veterinary technician national examination in which he did not pass and was subsequently denied licensure. He also explained that in 1993 he was arrested and charged with felony theft. Mr. Adams was incarcerated for a period of one (1) year and was placed on probation for nine (9) months upon his release. He has completed all requirements of the court regarding this conviction. Mr. Adams is currently employed in the research laboratory at Indiana University Purdue University of Indianapolis, mainly working with canines and swine. The Board agreed to grant Mr. Adams a veterinary technician registration upon successful completion of the Indiana jurisprudence examination.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

There were no administrative hearings before the Board.

VI. DISCUSSION

The Board requested Ms. Vaught to send a message to the schools and veterinarians reminding them of the requirements of veterinary technicians for registration.

VII. APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Endorsement

1. Debra Jean Budahn, R.V.T.

The Board reviewed Ms. Budahn's application for registration as a veterinary technician. Ms. Budahn is a 1977 graduate of Pierce College and has successfully taken and passed the California written examination for licensure in 1977. Ms. Budahn has been in continuous practice as a veterinary technician in California since 1977. The Board agreed to grant Ms. Budahn a veterinary technician registration upon successful completion of the Indiana jurisprudence examination.

B. Examination

There were no applications by examination for the Board to review.

C. Professional Corporation

There were no professional corporation applications for the Board to review.

VIII. RENEWALS

There were no renewals for the Board to review.

IX. PROBATIONARY REPORT

There were no probationary reports for the Board to review.

X. CONTINUING EDUCATION

A. Cincinnati Animal Referral & Emergency Center

"Maximizing Outcomes in Critical Care"

Cincinnati, OH

November 16, 2010

Hours Granted: 2 Hours for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians pending receipt of an approved course outline

B. Midwest Veterinary Supply

"Laser Therapy: The Future is Now"

Fort Wayne, IN
November 11, 2010

Hours Granted: 1 Hour for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians

C. Pfizer Animal Health

"Leptospirosis: Missing the Diagnosis? Or Misdiagnosing"

Ft. Branch, IN

October 27, 2010

Hours Granted: 1 Hour for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians

D. Boehringer Ingelheim

"2011 Boehringer Ingelheim Cardiology Symposium"

Indianapolis, IN

January 16, 2011

Hours Granted: 5 Hours for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians

Board action: The Board agreed to pend the requested continuing education seminar for Cincinnati Animal Referral & Emergency Center until submission of an approved course outline is obtained. The Board agreed to approve the continuing education seminars for Midwest Veterinary Supply, Pfizer Animal Hospital and Boehringer Ingelheim as stated.

XI. REPORTS

A. Consumer Complaints – Dr. Waltz

Dr. Waltz reported she has received several complaints from the Attorney General's office for review. Most have been reviewed and decisions acted upon. Darren Covington from the Attorney General's office introduced himself and explained he will be the new Deputy Attorney General for the Indiana Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. He stated to the Board that there are not any complaints older than from 2008. Dr. Waltz reported to the Board that they will no longer hold informal meetings. The Board requested information from the Mr. Covington on how many complaints are still open and the age of these open complaints.

B. State Veterinarian's Report – Dr. Marsh

Dr. Marsh reported there will be a hearing on January 13, 2011 regarding the statute allowing veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants to administer rabies vaccinations. Dr. Marsh spoke of legislation that has passed allowing the Board of Animal Health to issue standards of care for livestock and poultry. There is an ongoing investigation of tuberculosis in Southeast Indiana. The information is incomplete at this time as this is an ongoing process. Dr. Marsh stated that there are changes taking place in laws regarding milk manufacturing.

XII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Governor's office appointed new members to the Board. They are Dr. Paul Clemente of Ft. Wayne, Indiana and Dr. Bill Somerville of Clinton, Indiana.

XIII. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no other items for consideration before the Board.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the unofficial meeting of the Indiana Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners adjourned at 11:45 p.m.